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In re Application of:
Conrad

Serial No.: 09/854,412

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: HIGH EFFICIENCY mRNA ISOLATION
METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Katcheves, Konstantina

Atty. Dkt. No.: AMBI:073US

**I. AMENDMENT AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 30, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 for which the three-month date for response was April 30, 2003.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to May 30, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/AMBI:073US.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.